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SUBJECT: FURTHER REACTION TO BOUNDARY RESCUE AGREEMENT

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1. NOV1-2 NEUES DEUTSCHLAND EDITORIAL CRITICIZED
SENAT-ALLIED STATEMENT ON BOUNDARY RESCUE AGREEMENT.
FULL TEXT (USBER TRANSLATION) OF EDITORIAL, CAPTIONED
"NAIVE AND USELESS ATTEMPTS REJECTED," FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE : AS IS KNOWN, THE AGREEMENT
CONCLUDED SEVERAL DAYS AGO BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE GDR AND THE SENAT OF WEST BERLIN ON RESCUE MEASURES
FOR THE BORDER WATERS OF THE GDR IN WEST BERLIN, WAS
POSSIBLE THANKS TO THE INITIATIVE OF THE GDR AND ITS
CONSTRUCTIVE POLICY OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS
WITH WEST BERLIN. THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH SERVES THE
INTERESTS OF THE WEST BERLIN CITIZENS, SUBSEQUENTLY
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HAS RECEIVED BROAD APPROVAL. IT IS THEREFORE ALL THE

MORE REMARKABLE THAT IN A STATEMENT MADE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AGREEMENT BY THE WEST BERLIN SENAT AND THE AUTHORITIES OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS IN WEST BERLIN, AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO MAKE THE REALIZATION OF THE AGREEMENT DEPENDENT ON SOME SORT OF AGREEMENT BY SOVIET BODIES OF A "SOVIET SECTOR" COULD IT BE THAT THE WESTERN SIDE IS NOT AWARE THAT SUCH A "SECTOR" HAS NOT EXISTED FOR A LONG TIME AND THAT SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC BERIN IS AN INTERGRAL PART OF OUR SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST STATE? MOST ASSUREDLY NOT. THEREFORE, SUCH ATTEMPTS AND CONSCIOUS DISTORTIONS ARE NAIVE AND USELESS, FOR THEY CAN IN NO WAY ALTER THE CLEAR FACTUAL AND LEGAL POSITION. END QUOTE:

2. "VIEWED FROM BERLIN" COLUMN BY FRIEDHELM KEMNA IN NOV 3 DIE WELT ASKED QUESTION: "WHY DOES EAST BERLIN REACT WITH SUCH SENSITIVITY?" KEMNA NOTED THAT WESTERN ATTEMPTS TO APPLY QA TO ALL OF BERLIN STRIKE SENSITIVE NERVE ON OTHER SIDE. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS NO SURPRISE THAT SOVIET AND EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES REACTED SO PROMPTLY TO ALLIED-SENAT STATEMENT ON BOUNDARY RESCUE AGREEMENT. KEMNA SAID THAT THERESE LATEST PROTESTS ARE PART OF GENERAL MOSCOW STRATEGY TO APPLY QA ONLY TO WEST BERLIN AND LAY CLAIM TO FOUR-POWER STATUS FOR WEST BERLIN. GEORGE

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